

ABSTRACT

Title: Emergency Overnight in Nature and the Project of Shelters in the Giant Mountains National Park.

Some forms of outdoor trips include planned overnight under the open sky (bivouac) or in a tent without delay longer in place. This phenomenon (mainly in protected areas) comes into conflict with nature protection and need to find a compromise to satisfy both sides, the visitor and the institution administering the area.

The aim of this thesis is to introduce the phenomenon of emergency overnight shelters and the possibilities of camping and bivouacking in nature at home and abroad, to ascertain the awareness of emergency shelters in the Šumava National Park at other Administrations of National Parks and Protected Landscape Areas in the Czech Republic and propose suitable locations for the shelters in the Giant Mountains National Park.

Quantitative research was conducted by questionnaire. It examined Administrations of National Parks and Protected Landscape Areas in the Czech Republic. The obtained data were statistically processed in Microsoft Excel and interpreted in graphic and verbal form. Qualitative research was carried out using a structured interview with an employee of the Šumava National Park. Interview focuses on collecting data on the project of emergency shelters in the Šumava National Park.

We found that most Administrations of National Parks and Protected Landscape Areas in the Czech Republic have any experiences with emergency shelters in the Šumava National Park (personal experience, information from the media, from colleagues at work, or friends). More than half of the respondents met with the shelters abroad (mostly in the Alpine countries or Scandinavian countries). Even though most of them interested in the project, only 12 % of cases have an initiative that could lead to the realization of the emergency shelters to their protected area.

Keywords: emergency shelters, bivouacking, the Šumava National Park, the Giant Mountains National Park.